

Docket No. LTSM01CP1

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Thomas W. Mossberg
Filed: 04/26/2001
App. No.: 09/843,597
For: Optical processor

Art Unit: 2872
Examiner: Craig H. Curtis

ELECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.142

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

11/21/2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 09/24/2003 (requirement for restriction),
Applicant hereinbelow makes his election.

Claims 1-84 are pending in the application. Examiner has divided the Claims into Group I (Claims 55-63 and 83-84, drawn to a process of making), Group II (Claims 39-50, 64-66, and 75-82, drawn to a method of using), and Group III (Claims 1-38, 51-54, and 67-74, drawn to an apparatus). Applicant has presumed that Claims 67-74, drawn to an apparatus, were inadvertently included in Group II by the Examiner, and has further presumed that Claims 67-74 are to be included in Group I.

Applicant hereby elects Group II (Claims 39-50, 64-66, and 75-82, drawn to a method of using) for further prosecution, without traverse.

Please note the new Docket No. for this application: **LTSM01CP1**. Please discontinue use of the previous Docket No. (5455P001X).

A shortened statutory period for reply expired on 10/24/2003. Accordingly, this communication is timely filed with the accompanying petition for a one month extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a) and the required petition fee.

Applicant shall await a first Office Action on the merits of this application, expected in due course.

Respectfully submitted,



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